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## New jail uniforms stand out

By Nicole Vaughn  
Staff writer

New uniforms at the Madison County Jail have caused a stir among just about everyone, except the prisoners who are wearing them.

Last month, the county jail began using black-and-white striped uniforms to its prisoners charged with felony offenses. The uniforms are reminiscent of the garb worn decades ago by members of chain gangs.

Previously, Madison County prisoners had worn bright orange jumpsuits.

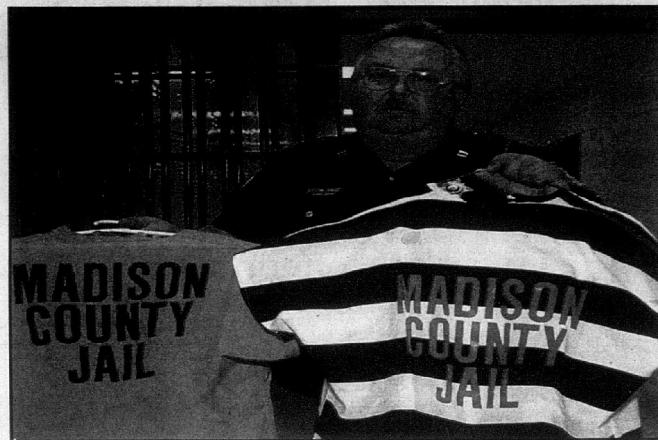
"Our new ones stand out," said Capt. Dan Sipes, superintendent of the Madison County Jail. "Now there are more and more people wearing them."

Sipes recounted an incident from a few years ago when a relative of one of the inmates might have been mistaken for a prisoner.

"The lady had on this very nice orange pantsuit," Sipes said. "But when an inmate sat down beside her, they looked at each other and identified."

It was just such an incident that prompted the change.

Madison County Sheriff Bob Chittenden was running the building one day when he saw a woman in orange running through the parking lot, Sipes said. He immediately called to see if a prisoner was missing.



Capt. Dan Sipes, Madison County Jail superintendent, shows off the new striped uniforms worn by prisoners charged with felonies and the old orange jumpsuits those prisoners wore before.

from the jail. "We informed him that no, we didn't have a prisoner loose," Sipes said.

The woman was actually wearing an orange sweat suit and out jogging, Sipes said.

The new uniforms also are imprinted with Madison County Jail in 4-inch letters.

"They are definitely

different and they definitely stand out," Sipes said.

While the new uniforms haven't drawn much reaction from the prisoners, they haven't gone unnoticed by the public.

"We've had a lot of people calling, wanting to borrow them or know where we've

gotten them," Sipes said.

"Some people want to use them for costumes. Other people want them for pajamas."

The addition of stripes means that the jail population now has four different uniforms. The orange (See UNIFORMS, Page 4A)

## South Side rapist cleared in assault

By Nicole Vaughn  
Staff writer

The sexual assault of a Collinsville woman in February was not committed by the serial attacker known as the South Side rapist.

Collinsville police announced Monday that DNA samples from the Feb. 16 crime did not match those of the serial rapist.

"We're happy it's not him," said Collinsville Police Detective Sue Borkowski. "We have this as an isolated incident."

The attack occurred in the early morning hours of Feb. 16 in the woman's home in the 500 block of St. Louis Road. While the victim, in her late 30s, was threatened with a knife, she was not cut or stabbed by the attacker.

Although she faced him in the dwelling and his physical description, it also had at least one significant difference: The attacker wore a mask.

The suspect is believed to be a white male, about 6 feet tall with a slender build, weighing about 190 pounds.

Borkowski said that Detective Tom Coppotelli is working on the case and had submitted some evidence to the state crime lab.

"So far, we've gotten nothing back to lead us to a suspect but it's not over with as far as the investigation goes," Borkowski said.

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## Target: lead poisoning

Program hopes to double number of kids tested

In 1996, only 1,320 children in Madison County were tested for lead poisoning, despite statistics that show the problem occurs in 10 percent of children.

Of those tested, 36 showed slightly elevated levels of lead, 25 showed significantly elevated levels and two showed seriously elevated levels.

Debra Tscheschlok, personal health services manager for the Madison County Health Department, said health officials hope to double the number of children tested this year with a new program.

"Our goal is early detection of lead poisoning so that damage to the nervous system is minimal," Tscheschlok said.

The Madison County Board of Health Department voted Monday to recommend the new program to the full board.

The full board will take up the measure at its June meeting.

"For the children of Madison county, we are asking the board to approve the program," said board member Kent Scheibel, D-Edwardsville.

Health Department officials couldn't provide an accurate cost estimate for the program,

"Our goal is early detection of lead poisoning so that damage to the nervous system is minimal."

— Debra Tscheschlok  
Health manager

but they said it was necessary regardless of the cost.

The county will be reimbursed \$7 per child tested under the new program, in exchange for testing more and monitoring the results.

Tscheschlok said it would probably be sometime in July before she would have the program up and running.

She said she isn't sure yet whether the program will be formed or by whom. She is considering holding the program in Edwardsville with the department's cooperation and is also looking at

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## Pontoon police get pay hikes

Falter says increases from plan will drain village budget

By Michelle Duell  
Staff writer

The Pontoon Beach Village Board of Trustees recently approved longevity pay for the police department.

All the trustees voted in favor of the pay plan except Trustee Gus Falter, who voted no, which is based on a percentage increase of current pay instead of base pay, will drain the village's budget.

According to the plan, after two years of employment, police department employees will eligible for a 3 percent increase based on current pay. After five years, the increase is 5 percent. After 10 years of service the increase is 7 percent

"This compounded longevity is going to hurt the village big time (financially). They are spending money like it's going out of style."

— Gus Falter  
Trustee

and after 15 years, the increase is 10 percent.

This means that the percentage increases

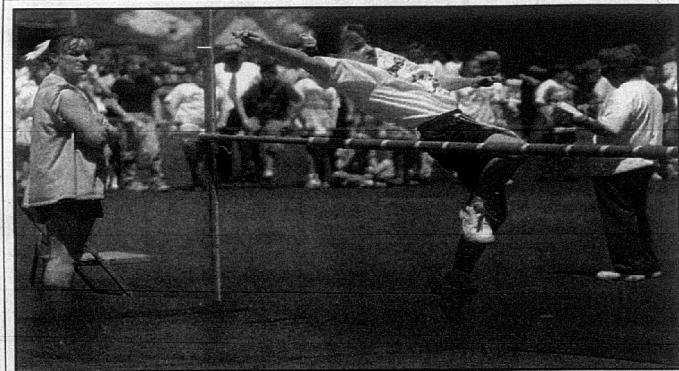
will be compounded, Falter said, because they are based on current pay, not past pay.

Trustee Bob Abel said that the longevity rate based on current pay means that the increased percent will be multiplied according to the current rate of pay to determine the amount paid per hour.

For example, if an employee already has longevity of 3 percent and is earning \$14.48 per hour, then receives longevity of 5 percent, the \$14.48 will increase by 5 percent, which results in \$15.20 per hour.

Likewise, if an employee who already has longevity pay of 3 percent and 5 percent

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**Sports day** — Amanda White, a sixth grader from Worthington School, takes a leap over the bar while competing in the high jump during the Sports Day held this week for all Granite City District students. It was held on the field behind Maryville School. Girls competed on Tuesday, while boys had their turn on Wednesday. See story, more photos in Sports, Page 1B.

(Staff photo by JOHN FRESE)

# Teething

## Dental school offers service to students

By Michelle Duell  
Staff writer

Nine-year-old Desira McInerney, a third-grader at Harris Elementary School in Madison, climbed into a dentist chair that had been brought to her school and waited for dental students to put a bib around her neck.

She was one of nine Harris students who had their teeth cleaned and received sealants by dental students from the Southern Illinois University School of Dental Medicine in Alton.

"No, I'm not scared," Desira said. "I've been to a dentist before. She was going to seal my teeth, and that's all. They might clean them, too."

"It's a free service," said Mary Christen, a registered dental hygienist who organized the program through the Healthy Moms and Healthy Kids agency.

The procedure itself is painless.

"Sealing is actually a cocaine put on the back teeth to prevent them from getting cavities," Christen added. "It hardens and lasts for three to four years. It's like a healthy tooth after it's cleaned. So far, we've done over 100 (children) in Madison alone."

Christen said the program targets students in the second

grade and sixth grade because that is that age group most prone to develop cavities. The service is paid for by a \$2,500 grant from Illinois that is dedicated to the Healthy Moms and Healthy Kids agency, she said.

The procedure itself is painless.

"There are no shots, no drills," Christen said. "It works well and the kids have been good with it."

Dean Patrick Ferrillo of the SIU School of Medicine visited on four elementary students simultaneously with the assistance of two dental students per child. All together, eight students receive the treatment, which is performed on Tuesdays.

— Dean Patrick Ferrillo  
SIU School of Medicine representative

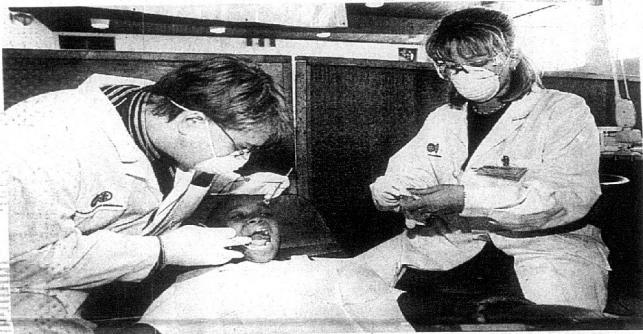
days.

An instructor from the dental school, Henry Elsbach, oversees the work and checks at how good the kids are," Elsbach said. "Some of them have never been to a dentist before."

Healthy Moms and Healthy Kids transports the equipment needed for the task, Christen said. "By the time we finish doing Madison, we will be right at 150 kids."

Dr. Henry Elsbach

explains part of the tooth-sealing procedure, while their patient Mark Gibear looks to Denise Shinafelt for support.



SIUE dentistry student Gary Raska takes a look at the teeth of Harris School student Christopher Johnson as his fellow student at the Dental School Jill Schuler dons a pair of latex gloves to assist.

## Plans under way for county fair pageants

The plans for the 1997 Miss and Little Miss Madison County pageants, which will be held July 20, are well under way.

To enter the Miss Madison County Fair pageant, participants must be between the ages of 16 and 21 (contestants can't reach 22 before Jan. 1, 1998), must be a resident or attend school in Madison County, must not be married and must not be pregnant. For information, call Wendy Harth at 654-5089 after 6 p.m.

The Little Miss candidates

must be entering kindergarten this fall and residents of Madison County. The Little Miss pageant is limited to 25 contestants. If more than 25 entries are received, a drawing will be held to determine the contestants.

To enter, send the contestant's name, where she'll attend kindergarten this fall, her birthday, parent/guardian's name and phone number to Little Miss Madison County Fair, 1307 Lindenthal Ave., Highland, IL 62249.



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TOP: Vince Rausch stands ready with the suction while Denise Shinafelt cleans the teeth of Harris School student Mark Gibear. RIGHT: Dentistry student Vince Rausch listens as his instructor Dr. Henry Elsbach explains part of the tooth-sealing procedure, while their patient Mark Gibear looks to Denise Shinafelt for support.



(Staff photos by JOHN FRESE)

## SIUE offering free motorcycle courses

Free motorcycle courses will be offered at Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville beginning May 30.

Course 7 is Friday, May 30, from 6-9:30 p.m.; Saturday, May 31, and Sunday, June 1, from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

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## NEWS

## Traffic control tower ready at new airport

By Mark Hodapp  
Staff writer

MidAmerica Airport is one step closer to reality today with the completion of the new joint use air traffic control tower.

The 16-story tower was dedicated in a ceremony Monday at Scott Air Force Base.

More than 200 community and political leaders from the region attended the ceremony, including Rep. Jerry Costello (D-Belleville), John Shimkus (R-Collinsville), St. Clair County Board Chairman John Barcic, Public Building Commission Chairman Edward Saugel and Scott Wing, Commander Col. Michael Wooley.

The \$4 million facility will be operated by Air Force air traffic controllers starting this month, Wooley said.

MidAmerica Airport, which will be a public airport operated by the City of Belleville, is set to open Oct. 1.

Shimkus said the opening of MidAmerica Airport will undoubtedly make the area's economy stronger.

"It will be an economic boom for the entire region," he said.

Shimkus said he believes MidAmerica will also be an asset that may help keep Scott Air Force Base off the Base Realignment Closure list.

Barcic called the completion of the control tower "really neat."

"This is an opportunity to see the fruit of our labors," he said.

Barcic said he received a lot of comments from people in the past who believed Belleville would be the airport.

"The great thing about the tower was it was designed for the Air Force," he said. "Coincidentally, it might help MidAmerica Airport." The top of the control tower is nearly 220 feet above ground level.

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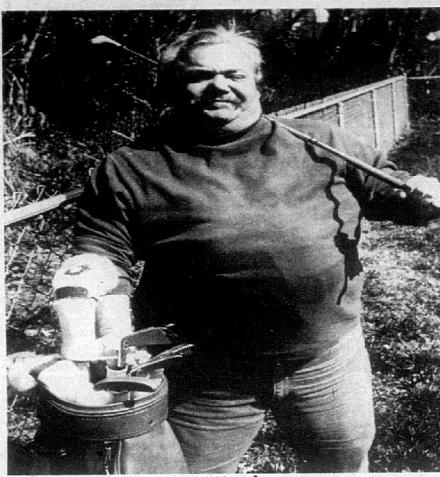
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## Transplant was a life saver

By Nicole Vaughn  
Staff writer

Organ transplants can save lives. Just ask Ron "Jughead" Harrison.

The Collinsville resident is marking the fifth anniversary of his lifesaving heart transplant.

Harrison was first diagnosed with heart problems in 1992. Trouble was discovered during a stress test while he was on a treadmill.

"They had me get off that thing pretty quickly," Harrison recalled.

He was put on medication. That worked for awhile.

By August 1993, Harrison was due to return to his job as a steel roller at Granite City Steel where he had worked for 14 years. By

February 1994, Harrison was being evaluated as a transplant candidate.

Hospitalized and connected to a machine that kept his ailing heart pumping, Harrison was quickly moved to the top of the waiting list. On April 24, 1992, Harrison's new heart arrived.

"You're glad to get one and you're lucky to get one so quickly," Harrison said.

"Some people wait two years...I wouldn't have made it that long. A change in his life was almost instant."

"All I could do was lay in bed (before the surgery)," Harrison said. "I was walking around 10 days after the transplant."

The 19-year-old whose heart Harrison received had donated all his organs, whose donations also enabled or saved the lives of five other people.

April is Organ/Tissue Donor Awareness Month in Illinois.

Harrison has been involved in a public awareness program sponsored by Secretary of State George Ryan to increase the number of donors. As part of that promotion, Harrison's picture and name are appearing at the drivers license facility in Belleville. Belleville is one of more than 30 facilities where donor

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## Spring Fling winners announced

The following readers were selected May 16 as winners in the 1997 Spring Fling Sweepstakes:

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## MILESTONES

Lori Henderson celebrates her 31st birthday today, May 25.

Glyde M. Baker celebrates his 33rd birthday today, May 25.

Ruth Yager celebrates her 52nd birthday today, May 25.

Corey Wallace celebrates his birthday today, May 25.

Julie Padgett will celebrate her 15th birthday May 25.

Briget Cusack will celebrate her 10th birthday May 25.

Jennifer Hay will celebrate her 13th birthday May 25.

Fritz Tritschuk will celebrate his birthday May 25.

Tom and Kathy Tineriva will celebrate their 13th anniversary May 26.

Kim Tighe will celebrate her 27th birthday May 27.

Ashley Redding will celebrate her 16th birthday May 27.

Toni Mendez will celebrate her 20th birthday May 27.

Carol and Peter "Pete" Vinson will celebrate their 65th anniversary May 28.

Kevin Kohl will celebrate his 29th birthday May 28.

Dawn Nelson will celebrate her 26th birthday May 29.

Debbie Dillard will celebrate her birthday May 29.

Star and Brenda Soboleski will celebrate their 21st anniversary May 29.

Regina Kowalczyk will celebrate her birthday May 30.

Barry Bell will celebrate her 60th birthday May 30.

Ruth E. Daniels will celebrate her 46th birthday May 30.

Geneva Hankins will celebrate her 67th birthday May 30.

Bob and Cheryl Wright will celebrate their 23rd anniversary May 31.

Carrie Reed will celebrate her 48th birthday May 31.

Archie R. Vest will celebrate his 82nd birthday May 31.

Cindy Reber will celebrate her birthday May 31.

## Adopt-a-pet Saturday

Madison County Humane Society is holding an adopt-a-pet Saturday from noon to 4 p.m. Saturday, May 31, at PetsMart in O'Fallon.

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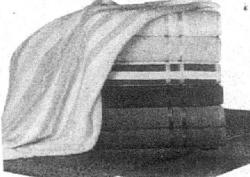
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**Local man to star in opera**

By Elizabeth Waller

Correspondent

Cahokia High School graduate Richard Stilwell will star as Don Alfonso in the St. Louis Opera Theater's presentation of Mozart's *Cosi Fan Tutte* this June.

Stilwell, 54, has performed on public television in operas such as *Madame Butterfly*, *Falstaff* and *The Aspern Papers*. He performed in the St. Louis Opera Theatre six years ago in *Vanessa*, by Samuel Barber.

In 1987, Stilwell fulfilled his childhood dream of singing the National Anthem for the Cardinals at Busch Stadium and will sing again at the stadium on June 23.

Stilwell grew up in St. Louis, attending Roosevelt High School until his senior year. He then attended and graduated from Cahokia High School in 1960.

After graduation, Stilwell studied voice and opera at Indiana University. While in college, he sang with the St. Louis Symphony Orchestra and in productions of the St. Louis Grand Opera Guild.

During his senior year at Indiana, Stilwell auditioned in the New York Met Opera's national Council contest for young singers. He won a \$2,000 J.W. Fisher Award for advanced voice study, and the head of the New York Opera Council said he knew Stilwell was going to make it big.

Stilwell got his first big break when he moved to New York in 1971. He was chosen by the New York City Opera to play the role of *Pellexas en Melisande*. The role, which was a high note for operas baritones but too low for tenors, was well-suited for his voice. He calls this his professional debut - after playing *Pellexas* in New York, he was asked to fill the same role all over the world.

Stilwell continues to perform in countries such as Germany, Israel and throughout Europe. He says the only way to succeed in opera is to prove yourself in Europe, which is not easy.

The most difficult places to perform, he says, are in France and Italy, where "there's never a dull moment."

"We Americans are actually very polite," he says of our European manners. "If we don't like a performer, we simply don't applaud them. In France and Italy, they'll boo and hiss if they don't like the singer. They feel it is their right if you're going to perform in their country. You just have to pray that you're not going to have an off night."

Stilwell says he has never been kicked off the stage, but it has happened to colleagues.

Most of Stilwell's performances are composed of Italian, so coming to the St. Louis Opera Theater is a change,

since all of their operas are composed in English. "I'm used to singing in Italian all of the time, so it's somewhat difficult to learn them in English," Stilwell says.

"But it's the policy at the St. Louis Opera Theater, so I'll gladly learn it."

To aspiring singers and music students, Stilwell's advice is to "follow your dreams."

"If you feel that you have the talent, follow it up," he says. "Have a mentor, someone to help you take the steps, and attend some auditions."

Stilwell says the best thing to do is to get on stage as quickly as possible. Audition for shows, even small roles, and attend some auditions, which will give you lots of stage experience.

From there, get a manager and enter larger contests, such as the Metropolitan Auditions, which are where companies scout new talent.

Most importantly, Stilwell says to "stay healthy." He recently missed a stage operation, a night performance at the New York Met Theater because of a sore throat.

"The President of the United States can't sing and still function," he says. "But when you sing for a living, you're out of luck."

"If you feel that you have the talent, follow it up. Have a mentor, someone to help you take the steps, and study voice seriously."

— Richard Stilwell  
opera star

## IN THE MILITARY

Air Force Airman RYAN C. DUFF has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas.

During the six weeks of training, the airman learned the Air Force mission, organization and customs and received special training in human relations.

In addition, airmen who complete basic training earn credits toward an associate degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

Duff, the son of Richard A. and Janice Duff of Granite City, is a 1995 graduate of Granite City Senior High School. \*\*\*

Air Force Tech. Sgt. STAFF SGT. BRUCE R. REESE II has graduated from Phase I of the medical laboratory apprentice course at Sheppard Air Force Base, Wichita Falls, Texas.

Students were taught to analyze biological and chemical substances and to aid the physician in the diagnosis, treatment, and prevention of diseases.

Reese, the son of Bruce R. and Brenda K. Reese of Granite City, is a 1990 graduate of Granite City Senior High School. \*\*\*

Air Force Tech. Sgt. KELLY ST. JOHN, daughter of David and Janice Edwards, recently graduated from the Air Force Noncommissioned Officer Academy at Kapaun Air Station, Kaiserslautern, Germany.

Sgt. St. John is a contract administrator at Incirlik Air Base, Adana, Turkey.

She is a 1979 graduate of Burlington Central High School, and is a 1996 graduate of the University of Phoenix, Ariz. \*\*\*

Navy Seaman RECRUIT DANIEL BULKLEY, son of Alien and Rita



Ryan C. Duff

Bulkley of Glen Carbon, recently completed U.S. Navy basic training at Naval Air Training Command, Great Lakes, Ill.

Bulkley is a 1996 graduate of Edwardsville High School.

Marine Gunner Sgt. EDWARD TOSH, son of James Tosh of Edwardsville, recently participated in Exercise Tandem Thrust off the coast of Australia while assigned to 7th Communications Battalion, 3rd Marine Division.

Tosh is the daughter of Nancy Tarris of Highland. Her grandparents are Ethel and Harry of Highland, and Marie and Jim of Collingswood, N.J.

She is a budget analyst with Headquarters Air Mobility Command.

Tarris is a 1988 graduate of Highland High School. \*\*\*

Air Force Airman 1st Class JENNIFER KOERNIG has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas.

Koernig is the daughter of Janice

Zuch of Collingswood, and Gregory Lott of Billings, Mont.

Her husband, Andrew, is the son of Vickie and Randal Koernig, of Billings. The airman is a 1994 graduate of Billings West High School. \*\*\*

Navy Petty Officer 1st Class STEPHEN HENRICKS, son of Vickie and Stephen Henricks of Troy, recently departed on a six-month deployment to the Western Pacific Ocean aboard the fleet oiler USS Cimarron.

Henricks is a 1980 graduate of Highland High School, and joined the Navy in August 1980.

NEIL CUSTER, son of Sara Custer of Smithsburg, Md., has been selected to attend the Air Force's U.S. Air Force to the rank of senior master sergeant.

Tami, the daughter of C. Evelyn Jobe of Troy and her old job of Bertrand, Mo.

Sgt. Custer graduated in 1979 from the Air Force Academy, High School, and received an associate degree in 1986 from the Community College of the Air Force.

Department of Defense Captain DEBORAH TARRIS has been named the Air Mobility Command's 1996 outstanding civilian contributor to financial management and computation of the year.

Tarris is the daughter of Nancy Tarris of Highland. Her grandparents are Ethel and Harry of Highland, and Marie and Jim of Collingswood, N.J.

She is a budget analyst with Headquarters Air Mobility Command.

Tarris is a 1988 graduate of Highland High School. \*\*\*

Navy Seaman DHANTE LAMPLEY, son of Patricia Lampley of East St. Louis, recently participated in Exercise Tandem Thrust off the coast of Australia while assigned to the guided missile frigate USS Curtis, homeported in Yokosuka, Japan.

Lampley, a 1993 graduate of Lincoln High School, joined the Navy in October 1995.

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## Card club celebrates birthday

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The March meeting was at the home of Juanita Rosenburg after lunch at Charlie's. Each member received a recipe holder.

Pinochle was played and prizes awarded. Special prizes were presented to Hazel Rollins, Harriet Hoff and Nell Tally.

Other members present were Catherine Hommert and Loraine McIlroy.

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## BIRTHS

Granite City are the paternal grandparents.

**Holten, Cynthia Michelle**

HENRY AND LAUREN HOLLEN of Collingswood have announced the birth of their first child, a daughter, on March 16, 1997, at Anderson Hospital, Maryville. She weighed 8 pounds, 10 ounces.

Maternal grandparents are Dawn and John Stallings of Granite City.

Paternal grandparents are Ann and John Moylan of Granite City.

**Solomon, Megan Nicole**

PATRICK SOLOMON AND UNDA TORRES of Granite City have announced the birth of their first child, a daughter.

Megan, born at 6:40 p.m. March 6, 1997, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center in Granite City. She weighed 7 pounds, 10 ounces.

Her maternal grandparents are Clarence and Debra Kelley of Granite City.

Robert and Darlene Dagon of Granite City are the paternal grandparents.

**Drennan, Bruce William**

PATRICK DRENNAHAN AND CYNTHIA DRENNAHAN of Granite City have announced the birth of their fifth child, a son.

Bruce William was born at 6:42 p.m. March 6, 1997, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center in Granite City. She weighed 7 pounds, 12 ounces, and is the son of Tom and Joann Gary, 15, Jessica, 14, Lisa, 11, and Daniel, 9.

His maternal grandparents are Loraine Niepert of Granite City and the late Wilbert L. Niepert.

Philip and Joann Drennan of

ounces, and joins a sister, Kassandra Stoops, 8.

Her maternal grandparents are Laie Stoops of Granite City and the late Connie Stoops.

George and Marion Arnold of Granite City are the paternal grandparents.

**Friedel, Christopher James**

JAMES M. AND RACHEL L. FRIEDEL of Granite City have announced the birth of their first child, a son.

Christopher James was born at 11:24 a.m. March 5, 1997, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center in Granite City. He weighed 7 pounds, 4 ounces.

Maternal grandparents are Danny and Robyn Richardson of Staunton.

George and Agnes Friedel of Granite City are the paternal grandparents.

## Bridal shower held for Nicol, Jackson

A bridal shower was held in honor of Carla Nico and Jason Jackson on March 23 at the Nelson Hagnauer Hall.

A luncheon and desserts were served; several guests attending the party wore ivy.

The shower was given by Nicol's bridal party, which includes Nelly Niepol, Jodi Ennis, Melissa Siner, Karen Springman, Sheri, Nicole and Stacie Hamilton.

Jason and Carla Nico in opening presents. The couple would like to thank the bridal party and guests. They were to be married May 10.

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## NEWS



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**Testing** — An open house was held recently at BAC's Granite City Campus' new Telecourse/Testing Center. CCC instructor Barb Kordenbok, second from left, talks with, from left, students Christie Conner, Cathy Trotter and Kim Sodam.

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## FAMILY

## ORGANIZATIONS

## Phi Tau Omega

The regional community meeting of the Eta Alumnae Chapter, Phi Tau Omega Sorority, was held Wednesday, April 2, 1997, at Charlie's Restaurant, 1000 N. Main Street, in McDonald and May Evelyn Yencho.

Eight members enjoyed a buffet luncheon followed by a program. McDonald and May Evelyn Yencho.

Those attending besides the hostesses were Helen Hoelscher, Dorothy Johanningmeier, Millie Chard, Linda Koenig, Koenig, Shirley Loxow and Eula Rodell. All who attended were awarded a prize.

## Retired Office Personnel

Retired Office Personnel, Granite City School District, held a luncheon at the home of Mrs. Rose Gallardo, Fairview Heights.

Those present were Harriet Meier, Fred Andrews, Arlene Haldeman, June Schreider, Millie Chard, Marge Burdge, Lucille Caban, and guest Gloria McCutcheon.

May hostess, Lucille Caban, had made reservations at Brenda's.

## Butterfly Card Club

Members of the Butterfly Card Club met at Hawley's for their monthly meeting.

The group assembled at the home of Edith Ryan for an afternoon of playing pinochle.

Edith Ryan was honored for her birthday and was presented a gift. Happy birthday was sung to the members. Each member received a decorated cookie in the shape of a butterfly.

Prizes were awarded to Edith Ryan, Helen Miller, Catherine Hornmert and Ilene Willis. Ryan and McIlvay received special prizes.

Also present were Juanita Rosenberg and Hazel Rollins. Hoff will

host the May meeting.

## Nameoki Women's Club

The Nameoki Women's Club met April 16, 1997, at noon at the Harold Brown Building.

A dessert luncheon was served by hostesses Lucille Etheridge and Marion Mertz.

There was a guest speaker, Franklin Lafferty, Literary Coordinator of Adult Education at Belleville Area College. Mrs. Lafferty spoke on the importance of education to the college for persons who cannot read. The program is free of charge.

A game of bingo was played. Those present were Dolores Allen, Mildred Talley, Lucille Etheridge, Edna Fiedeler, and Gertie Meldred Jungles, Maxine Mair, Dorothy McCauley, Marian Mertz, Elsie Rodell, Mabel Miller, Shirley Tabor, Eula Wade, and Geneva Eaton.

The next meeting was scheduled for May 14 at the Legacy. It will be the last meeting until September.

## Esther Circle

The Esther Circle, Niedringham Methodist Church held their monthly meeting at the home of Mary Roldan on April 3, 1997.

Members of the church attended the meeting with a prayer. Ethel Lorch gave a report on the last executive meeting. Plans were made for the luncheon on May 4th.

Tickets for the luncheon will be \$4 for adults and \$2 for children. The tickets for the tickets can be purchased from Marcia Lurie.

Louise Potillo read an article from the St. Louis Post Dispatch on teenage pregnancy. Mary Roldan had devotion.

Those present were Dolores Allen, Ethel Lorch, Marcia Lurie, Louise Potillo, Norma Chesterman, Terri Davis, Eula Davis and Mary Roulard.

## Trio Homemaking Club

The regular meeting of Trio Homemaking Club was held at Hope Lutheran Church on Tuesday, April 8, 1997, with 20 members in attendance.

President Sara Huber called the meeting to order and led the group in the pledge to the flag.

Sara thanked the hostesses, Mildred Talley, Marion Hamilton, Gen. and Willa Pohl, for the delicious desserts and beverages they prepared and served.

The two local leaders, Juanita Mair and Shirley Tabor, gave very informative lesson on "Buy Recycled! Keep A Good Thing Going."

Secretary Roberta Cottrell read the roll of members present. She also read the minutes of the last meeting held March 11, 1997.

Emilie Jachik read the treasurer's report of the TRIO Club.

Judie Schatz, chairperson of Cultural Activities, announced members attending craft day on May 6 bring any item she is interested in working on at the luncheon at Hope Lutheran Church at 9 a.m.

President Sara Huber reminded the group about the St. Louis District craft day to be held at Hope Lutheran Church at noon on Tuesday, May 6, hosted by the Granite City Crafters.

Dorothy Cramer and Lorna Henson were welcomed back after their absence due to illness.

Sara Huber appointed a nominating committee of Naomi Chapman

and Rose Karsner to select a second vice president and a treasurer.

After the meeting was adjourned family living chairperson Naomi Chapman and craft chairperson Judie Schatz with members Schatz, Barbara Phelps, Helen Miller, Lucille Sackett and Eunice Wilker.

Annual winning price was \$155.

Eagle Auxiliary

Before the April 8 Eagle Auxiliary meeting a birthday party, with a sit down dinner was given for President Susan Allen. Her mother, Marlene, was auxiliary mother Barbara Ramsey.

After the dinner the president was given gifts from the members and the auxiliary.

After this the regular meeting was opened by President Susan Allen. All call to order and all members present with the exception of Inside Guard Laverne Malyzynski who was out of town.

President Susan Allen was reelected to approve the reenrollment of Marian Hagnauer, Brenda Benson and Sandra Townsend.

Secretary Roberta Cottrell was then initiated by the Ritual Team.

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Carol Miller thanked the auxiliary for their service.

There was no jackpot winner as Jeanette Sechrest was not present.

Good of the Auxiliary was won by Mildred Boyd and Martha Simpkins.

The meeting was then adjourned.

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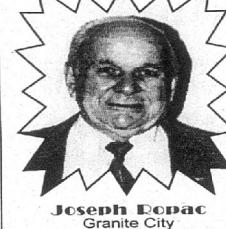
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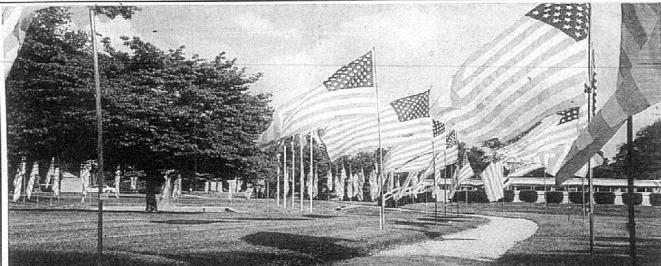
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ARIES (March 21-April 19). Conscientious friends get rewards. Love springs up while you're side by side. Government inquiries turn out favorably for those who are

confident and supply numerous documents — so spend down time getting it together.

TAROTUS (April 20-May 29)

You may think your timing is

askew, but in the end, you'll

see things are better this way.

Singles who make offers now

will receive responses who play hard-to-get. Positive news or answers come in the evening.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21)

Being a good sport pays off if

you are chosen for a position that's an honor. Passions may cool temporarily. Responsibilities lighter. Relief from stress happens when you stay home with a book.

CANCER (June 22-July 22)

Passions swell out of the most practical situations, so don't be seduced by provocative actions. You're persistent and you'll receive money owed. Relatives try to involve you in off-kilter plans.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

Love is the reward, so don't expect too many extras. Be reasonable about risk, especially the financial kind. Outdoor activities bring you closer to family.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

You are a trusted friend, worthy of more support than you are presently receiving. Hold others to a higher standard. Honesty can win you leeches as well as friends. Have machinery fixed.

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SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

Taken, but perfect. Short trips do you a world of good. Those in a money crisis need more ideas and less responsibilities. Enjoy the moment and you'll be happy.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

Enjoy increased personal power and appeal. The one in your dreams could easily respond to your charm. You will win a bet but collect no money. Creativity flows in the evening hours.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

Don't be afraid to socialize. Helpful contacts are made. Act on a hunch this evening. Those trying to improve their health are lucky now. Change your diet and your appetite will quickly regulate itself.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

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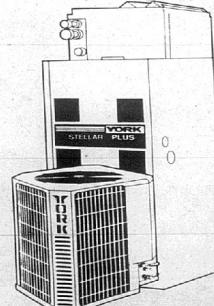
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# SPORTS

Granite City Journal

Section B

Sunday, May 25, 1997



Pat Heston

## Carving out a living legend at Tri-City

Monday was the day of the race.

Not the Motorola 300 at Gateway International Raceway, but the big race. The real race. "The day I was to take a Miller Lite Legends car around the dirt track at Tri-City Speedway."

I watched Larry Dixon, Bob

by Rahal, Don Prudhomme,

Rusty Wallace and Kenny Wallace tear around the track in a Miller Lite Legends car around the dirt track at Tri-City Speedway.

I donned my racing suit, gloves, hood, helmet and neck brace, fired up my sun and moon, and headed to the race car amid the soft hum of media video cameras and the gentle applause of envious onlookers.

Slipped into the seat of the 1,200-pound machine powered by a 1,200cc motorcycle engine, was buckled in by an attendant, settled back in the seat and prepared to click off a lap around 15 seconds.

That I figured, would show these so-called pros a thing or two.

From out of nowhere a beau-

tiful young lady bolted from the stands, made her way past security personnel to my vehicle, placed a rose in my hand and planted a kiss on my cheek. "Or was it the other way around?" Undaunted, I drove down the lane to the track where the timer stood awaiting my arrival.

"Take it easy, Mr. Heston," he said. "Don't embarrass the Miller Racing Team. After all, they're the ones sponsoring this event and paying for your freight."

I simply smiled. Who could think of food at a time like this? My mind was racing.

Suddenly, he gave a smile and a hand, holding the timer at the starting line and leaving my stomach on the first turn. I turned the first lap in 14.24 seconds, the second in 14.16 and the third in 14.03. And that's the mud.

As I brought the car back in for the next driver to take his spin, a crowd gathered. I exited the vehicle with the Miller Racing Team, pushed through the throng. Don Prudhomme shook my hand. Kenny Wallace asked me how I did it. Rusty Wallace wanted my autograph.

From out of nowhere a beau-

tiful young lady bolted from the stands, made her way past

security personnel to my vehicle,

placed a bright bandanna around my neck and a cold Diet Coke in my hand. Or, was it the other way around?

Suddenly, I awoke.

Monday morning had

dawned overcast and cool. It was but a few short hours until race time. I put my dreams on hold and drove to Tri-City Speedway.

When I arrived at the track, the first thing I noticed was an ambulance sitting silently, but hopefully, along the first straightaway. Bad omen, I thought. Next, I discovered that the man who would be coaching me in the finer points of driving the Miller Lite Legends car was nick-named "The Snake." Another bad omen, I thought.

I began thinking that maybe I should have taken GCCHS

principal Bill Rotter up on his offer of two school administra-

(See HESTON, Page 4B)

## A day at the races

Sports Day spotlights area grade schoolers

By Patrick C. Heston  
Staff writer

Hundreds of grade school boys clad in shirts of red, gold, blue, gray and white, each bearing a school name or logo, can mean only one thing in Granite City: Sports Day.

Maryville School hosted eight other schools on Wednesday under ideal weather conditions.

Sixth grader Jerry Reeves of Prather started things off with a bang, running the 100 in a special 1:17 flat in the Group 2 race. "That's my best time ever," said the excited first-year participant. "I'm excited. This is a lot of fun."

Adam Lancasters of Niedrighaus School also ran his fastest time ever. Group 3, "I feel really good," he said following his second-place finish. "Second is just as good as first for me. I just like to run. But the best part is getting out of school."

No one seemed the least bit sad to be out of school for the day. But, few, if any, were as open about it as Worthen's Aaron Brake.

Brake, an 11-year-old fifth grader in his first Sports Day competition, said, "This day is a lot of fun. It's a lot better



(Staff photos by JOHN FRESE)

Emily Briner (left) of Niedrighaus School, Sarah Caudron (center) of Wilson School and Rachael Wilbur of Maryville sprint for the finish line in a girls race Tuesday.

than school. I'd rather be happy and out of school than unhappy and in school right now."

A few of the athletes were a bit disheartened by their failure to reach personal goals.

Tim Smallic had hoped to throw the softball 140 feet. "I think that will win it," he predicted. But the Maryville youngster could only manage 130 feet, 10 inches, which left him disappointed and short of his first-place dream. "I don't think I did my

"It was nervous," said Brian Beyrau of Frohhardt, who ran 400 meters in a time of 1:11.63, good enough for a first-place

(See BOYS, Page 3B)



Cody Pinkston of Maryville School takes off in the long jump.

## Competition, weather spell fun for all

By Patrick C. Heston  
Staff writer

Sports Day has been an annual part of Granite City grade school competition for over 40 years. Seldom in those four decades has the weather been more cooperative than it was Tuesday when girls from nine different schools gathered at Maryville School in bright sunshine and pleasant temperatures for some fun and friendly competition.

Athletes from Frohhardt, Lake, Marshall, Maryville, Mitchell, Niedrighaus, Prather, Wilson and Worthen schools were divided by age, weight and height into three different groups with athletes competing only within their particular grouping. An athlete could participate in more than three events.

Shrill was the operative word on the day as the grade school girls cheered on their teammates in the various events, which included the 50-meter dash, the 400 relay, the 400, the standing long jump, the shuttle run, the high jump and the softball throw.

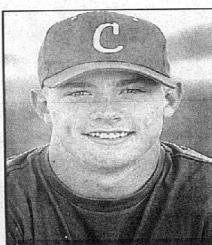
The best part of the day was that good performance or poor, first place or last, the athletes had fun.

"I didn't do very well in the 50-yard dash," said Ashley Schmidt of Wilson. "I finished last.

(See GIRLS, Page 3B)



Ashley King, a sixth grader from Mitchell, fires a softball throw. Girls from nine different schools competed on Tuesday at Maryville School.

Kenny Lutz  
Collinsville sophomore

## Lutz lighting up on opposing arms

By Brian Bretsch  
Staff writer

Kenny Lutz's quiet and shy demeanor is misleading.

Maybe it is the deep dimples on the Collinsville High sophomore's cheeks that makes spectators think he is a good player.

Or maybe pitchers think that because he is a sophomore, he just doesn't have the discipline to keep his hands back when swinging at a curveball.

What they don't realize is behind those dimples and shy demeanor burns the fire of a fierce competitor.

Lutz doesn't just hit the baseball, he abuses it. Rarely

is he ever cheated when he swings the bat. In 93 plate appearances, he has struck out six times. The other 87 times he has thrashed the ball. Ten of those at-bats have left the yard for a home run.

"He is playing pretty amazingly right now," Collinsville baseball coach Steve McFall said of Lutz, the Illinois Journal's Athlete of the Week. "He has kind of been in a groove all year long."

It doesn't seem to make a difference where the ball is in the strike zone, Lutz is going to hit it and hit it hard.

McFall marvels at Lutz's maturity in the batter's box.

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"He has just gone with the pitch," McFall said. "He's a

very disciplined hitter as far as hitting the ball where it is pitched. He is not trying to jerk it out of the park. He is more than willing to hit it out to right center or wherever he has been hitting the ball hard and he has been hitting line drives.

"He told me the other day that he was the goal to keep hitting line drives. It's just that some of them are leaving the park."

Lutz is hitting .527 for the 20-9 Kahoks. He has 49 hits in 93 at-bats, including 24 for extra bases. He has scored 16 runs and driven in 46 runs. He has drawn seven walks and (See LUTZ, Page 4B)

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Anyone interested in registering a new team, play in the fall or spring season, which begins in September, should attend either the May 19 or June 16 SISL meeting. Meetings are held on the third Monday of each month at the American Legion Hall, 1622 Vandalia, Collinsville, Ill.

For more information, call George at 451-0527 or Don at 344-5577.

**Football camp**

St. Louis Rams linebacker Robert Jones will hold a youth football camp June 12-17 at Blackburn College in Carlinville.

The camp, for boys ages 8-18, will feature instruction from members of the Rams. Scheduled to work with the camp are Tony Banks, Lee Goossen, Louis O'Neill, Eddie Kennison, Jimmie Jones, Harold Green, Roman Phifer, Wayne Gandy and others.

The camp will be at the camp every day. For more information, call 1-800-555-0801.

**Neumann tourney**  
The fifth annual St. John Neumann Golf Classic will be held Sept. 12 at Belk Park Golf Course in Wood River. The tournament, a four-player scramble, will consist of two flights and is limited to 36 foursomes.

The fee is \$80 per golfer or \$320 per team, \$300 before Sept. 1. Included are lunch and refreshments, dinner.

Prizes include \$400 for first place, \$300 for second place and \$200 for third place. Longest drive and closest to the pin prizes will be awarded, and hole-in-one prizes include a 1996 Buick sponsored by Four Flags Motors, a Hilton Hotel room for two, two tickets to anywhere in Germany and a set of irons.

The tournament will begin with an 11:30 a.m. shotgun start. Registration begins at 9:30 a.m. For more information, call Larry Powell at 277-6783, Don Ballard at 669-1993, Jim Brummer at 344-5074 or Rich Ratterman at 277-7005.

**Pothast softball camp**

The J.R. Pothast Softball Camp, for girls ages 7-16, will be held June 23-24 and June 26-27 at the Highland VFW. Campers

may come at 7:30 a.m. for breakfast.

The cost is \$48. For more information, call Marcia at 654-2619.

**T-Wolves vs. Cavs**

The Minnesota Timberwolves and the Cleveland Cavaliers will play an NBA exhibition game at 2 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 12 at Kiel Center.

Tickets are \$28, \$25, \$22 and \$13, with a limited number of \$25 court-side seats available at the Kiel Center box office, all Capital Tickets outlet or by calling Dialix at (314) 969-1800. Tickets purchased by June 15 receive \$3 off each outside seats.

For more information, call Kiel Center's event hotline at (314) 622-KIEL. For group tickets, call Kiel Center's group sales department at (314) 622-5454.

**Meckfessel camp**

Coach Rich Meckfessel will conduct his 15th annual University of St. Louis Bassketball Camp.

June 16-20 will be for boys 7-12, June 23-27 will be for boys 7-12, June 30-July 3 will be for girls 7-12 and July 7-11 will be for girls 13-17. The camp will begin at 8:30 a.m. and conclude at 4 p.m. each day.

Tuition is \$135 per week except for the week of June 23-27, which is \$160. There is a \$10 discount for multiple family members and the sons and daughters of UM-St. Louis faculty, staff and alumni.

Registration is limited to 144 campers each session. For more information, call (314) 516-9661.

**Golf tourney**

The ninth annual Fontbonne College/Red Schoendienst All-Star Golf Tournament will be held Monday, July 7 at Glen Echo Country Club in St. Louis.

The tournament will feature a number of local personalities and several current St. Louis Cardinals players. Proceeds will benefit Fontbonne College.

For more information, call Marlene Schanthal at (314) 889-1403.



(Staff photo by JOHN FRESE)

Eddie Schillinger of Niedringhaus (left) and Marshall's Andrew Gehling square off in the shuttle run.

**•Boys**

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finish in Group 3. "I've run 1:09 before in practice. But I was really nervous at the start. Once I got going, though, I did OK. I really didn't know if I had it won until I crossed the finish line. Then I was excited."

Tom Baldwin of Marshall also had a case of butterflies before the high jump. "I was pretty nervous at the start," he confessed, "but I felt fine after the first jump."

It was Baldwin's first Sports Day experience. His family moved to Granite City at the beginning of this year's school year.

"We didn't have anything like this in California," he said. "I only started jumping about a month-and-a-half ago. And I had never done better than four feet before today."

Baldwin cleared 4-4 on Wednesday and settled for

Group 1 softball throw and

were all smiles long after-

wards. Hendrix's toss of 159-5 easily outdistanced the field. "I practiced a lot at school," he said. "This was my best throw ever. My old throw beat the school record by 12 feet. But I just beat that throw by 15 feet. I ate my Wheaties!"

But no one may have been happier than Eddie Schillinger of Marshall's Todd Smith, who scored 6-10 1/4 in the standing long jump for an easy first-place finish in Group 2.

"When I heard that I'd jumped 6-10, I was really happy. I mean really happy," he said. "I die visitors don't. You should have seen it. You would have loved it. It would have made a good picture for the paper."

**•Girls**

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in my heat. But, I'm OK with that. I had a lot of fun."

Lynsey Brown of Worthen, who opened the day's activities with a time of 1:20.06 in the 400 meter dash, was the nearest opponent in Group 2 by over three seconds, had a blast. "I think it's much fun to run," she said. "I play soccer and like running. It was fun running my best out there. It was lots of fun. It would have been fun even if I hadn't won."

Katie Loy of Niedringhaus School didn't let her Group 2 competition, despite a fine leap of 6 feet in the standing long jump.

"I do this for fun and I got to be in it," she said. "I practice a lot."

practice at home by bending down and jumping as far as I can. I was surprised I jumped as far as I did today. I hope it's far enough to win. But, even if it isn't, I've had a lot of fun and that's what's important."

But, perhaps, Tamara Johns of Prather explained the element of fun better than any other participant. "This is a day off," she said. "After all, I get out of school."

Most of the girls practiced long and hard going into Tuesday's competition.

"I practiced it seven times," said Johns of the shuttle run.

"I practice at school and at home."

"I practice a lot," said Frohardt's Tia Smith. "I love run-

ning. It's fun to run, and it's fun to practice. In practice, my sisters always race me. That helps me get better."

High jumper Jessica Hicks of Lake School said, "I practice at home. I tie a rope between two trees and jump over it onto some mats. The more I practice, the better I get."

Lindsay Phelan of Maryville also practices hard. "Today was the best I've ever done," she said of her leap of 6-1 in the long jump. "I guess it was good because I practiced as much as I did at school."

As always, some athletes were unhappy with their performances and felt they could have, and should have, done better.

"I run a lot," said Virginia Ruiz of Mitchell. "I can run fast, but I did today, but I am in three events, so I have to save my energy. I did get first in the shuttle, though."

Ricky Shepard of Marshall lamented her less than adequate high jump, still good for sixth place in Group 1. "I jumped before," she said, "but when I jumped 2-7 the bar fell on me. I don't think my jump today will be good enough to win."

"Well, I just say I did bad," said Lake's Kassy Bryant of her effort in the 400 run. "I was two steps away from the finish line and I fell. Most of the race was fun, but I couldn't run farther near the end. That wasn't fun."

But, all in all, it was a great day of fun for everyone.

"You get really pumped up for this," said Amanda Wylie of Prather, who finished second in the high jump to Worthen's Amanda Wilson. "If you win, it's really exciting. And if you don't win, it's still exciting, but you feel a little sad. But it's a fun kind of sad."

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## •Gateway

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Granite City I had seen the ownership changes over the years at the track - and the promise that came with them. I heard Pook's last sales pitch it was a good one.

He told me he believed in the St. Louis area, that there were enough race fans in the area to support a major facility. He had a good idea of the optimum location, and he could secure the funding from private and state sources to build a world-class facility. He said that the previous owner was he going to give area race fans what they deserved.

Already known as one of the top promoters in the sport, Pook's was a natural fit. Association did nothing to tarnish that image. They stuck their necks out, secured the money and rolled out the heavy machinery. In less than a year, the track was completely

transformed. We must be pretty good fans.

This weekend, ABC-TV was on hand to show the country and the world what a new crowd-pleaser Media forces numbered in the dozens for the inaugural Motorola 300. As I wrote this, the event was nearly sold out. And having seen it in the press box now.

I've made the effort to drive by the racetrack often recently, and there it still sits, a world-class facility. Saturday, the entire racing world came to see it.

Where once sat a dilapidated quarter-mile race track, with an asphalt-filled crack running across it, now sits Pook's masterpiece.

It's OK: Rub your eyes, race fans, you're not dreaming. Chris Pook took care of that.

## METRO EAST BASEBALL

Southwestern Conference		
Team	Conf	Overall
Bellefonte East	12-2	22-6
Edwardsville	11-3	20-3
Altonville West	7-4	17-5
Collinsville	7-4	17-5
East St. Louis	3-7	20-8
Granite City	4-9	14-14
East St. Louis	0-11	13-24
Lincoln	2-19	0-11

Mississippi Valley		
Team	Conf	Overall
Highland	10-2	18-7
Civic Memorial	9-3	14-8
Marquette	9-3	11-11
Jesseyville	7-4	11-10
Triad	6-5	10-13
Wood River	1-12	1-24
Roxana	0-11	0-11

South Seven		
Team	Conf	Overall
O'Fallon	4-0	15-7
Cahokia	0-1	2-11

## Independents

Team Overall

Highland 26-4

Gibault 14-11

Marquette 2-11

O'Fallon 13-15

M.E. Lutheran 5-8

Valmeyer 1-20

South Seven 0-9

Independents 0-20

## Mississippi Valley

Team	Conf	Overall
Althoff	19-7	29-1
Gibault	15-11	24-6
Marquette	8-7	17-11
O'Fallon	6-8	13-12
M.E. Lutheran	5-5	15-7
Valmeyer	5-7	12-12
Cahokia	0-9	4-16

## METRO EAST SOCCER

Southwestern Conference		
Team	Conf	Overall
O'Fallon	6-1	19-6
Cahokia	2-1	11-13

Independents		
Team	Conf	Overall
Althoff	10-4	21-1
Gibault	9-5	21-2
Marquette	4-2	11-3
O'Fallon	3-2	12-3
M.E. Lutheran	0-4	1-10
Valmeyer	0-4	0-9

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Valmeyer	0-4	0-9

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Collinsville	4-1	11-6
East St. Louis	2-3	8-3
Edwardsville	1-3	8-3
Bellefonte East	2-3	8-3
Bellefonte West	1-3	8-3
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## METRO EAST SOFTBALL

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Marquette	8-7	17-11
O'Fallon	6-8	13-12
M.E. Lutheran	5-7	15-7
Valmeyer	5-7	12-12
Cahokia	0-9	4-16

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## Mississippi Valley

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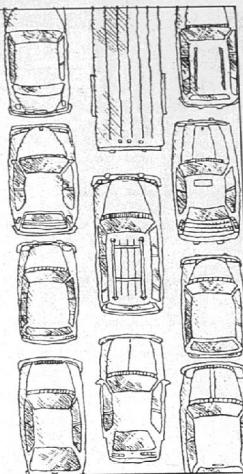


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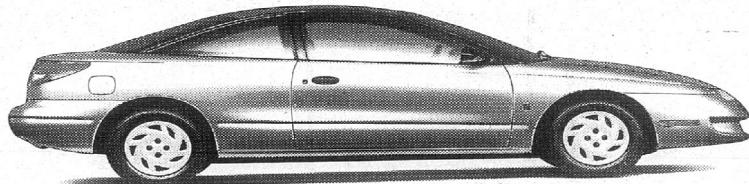
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# AUTOMOTIVE

## Saab 9000: Function over fad, strong performance

### By Tom Strongman

Saab's 9000 has been around in various forms since 1986, and its replacement, the 9-3, is slated to arrive next year. This is one of a year, which demonstrates remarkable staying power in a period of rapid change in the automobile business.

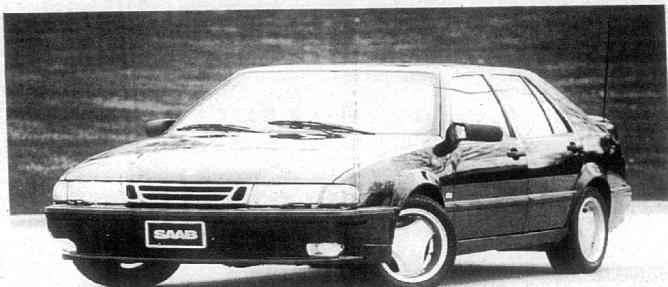
This year is Saab's 50th anniversary, commemorating the public introduction of the Saab 90 in 1947. Powered by a 1.9-liter, two-cylinder engine, the boxy-shaped 90 looked like the fuselage of a small airplane without wings, which is not surprising since Saab is an acronym for Svenska Aeropilot Aktiebolaget, a Swedish aircraft company.

The 9000 is a far cry from that original car, but the philosophic underpinnings remain the same. Function takes precedence over fad, all controls and instruments are oriented to serve the driver, and over-the-road performance is a strength.

A Saab 9000 was initially introduced as a four-door hatchback, it has evolved into a four-door notchback with a more traditional profile as well as a sedan, the 900.

There are three versions (GS, GSE and Aero) with four engine choices — three of them turbocharged, 2.3-liter four-cylinders with output ranging from 170 horsepower to 225 horsepower. The fourth engine is a 3.0-liter V-6 with 210 horsepower.

As with the original, the 9000 was introduced as a



In Saab's 50th anniversary year, the Saab 9000 continues to show the company's trademark versatility and utility.

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requiring removal of headrests and tilting the bottom seat cushion forward before the back can tumble forward. It is not as convenient as the original hatchback.

Power-window switches are mounted on the console, which is fairly common for European cars but less handy than having them mounted closer to the driver to make them easy to reach, but some are not spaced as well in newer models.

The stereo-tone upholstery of our test car was bright without being gaudy, although it may not suit everyone. The orthopedically designed front seats are quite comfortable.

The 9000 has had a long and successful run, but it is time for a change. Next year's 9-3 will be interesting because it will reflect input from Saab's partner General Motors.

The base price of our GSE test car was \$39,995, and the only option was \$180 for special paint. The sticker price was \$39,700.



All gauges and instruments are grouped close to the driver to make them easy to reach.

The basic warranty is for four years or 50,000 miles.

Point: Even though the basic 9000 design is more than 10 years old, it still offers strong performance and a spacious, versatile interior.

Countercoup: Folding down the back seat is not as easy as it sounds. Window switches are mounted on the console and the stereo's tiny buttons are too complex.

## POINTS & PLUGS

By Rick Stoff

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration has received a record annual "Award for the Advancement of Highway Robbery" from the National Motorist Association.

The NMA lobbied for years for the recent repeal of the national maximum 55 mph speed limit. The association says it "owed it to the NHTSA for continuing to press for a speed limit that was most appropriate in 1925."

The NMA said the NHTSA has continued to manipulate accident statistics to keep the perceived accident rate higher than 55 mph. The NHTSA also erroneously claimed raising the old speed limit would increase by six times the number of fatal accidents in the U.S., NMA President James Baker said.

The NMA based that claim on an assertion the fatality rates on German autobahns were six times higher than those on U.S. highways, when, in fact, the rates are nearly identical, Baker said.

After the NMA protested the use of those statistics, Baker said, the NHTSA has stopped using the numbers but "never publicly admitted that the statistics were incorrect."

Baker also cited the government's effort using highway patrols to have state police "crack down on motorists through 'enforcement blitzes.' The fact that these blitzes have no proven effect on highway safety is of no consequence to NHTSA, the only bureau that can't prove its effectiveness, fines and insurance surcharges."

The NHTSA barely beat out the state of Ohio in battling by NMA members, Baker said.

He noted that Ohio also is home of the tiny village of Lindale, population 157, which collects \$400,000 annually in fines from a quarter-mile section of interstate highway its police patrol.

There is a lot of new money being made in the former Soviet Union, and many of the middle-class workers there are in the process of having little hope of owning cars, many Russians are ready to buy a good set of wheels. Business Week magazine has placed the car-ownership rate in the region at just 63 cars per 1,000 people, about half that of the United States. The former Communist countries of eastern Europe.

Among the companies building cars in the former Soviet Union are Volkswagen, General Motors and Daewoo. Ford and Kia are preparing to enter the market, too. Although cars made for the Soviet market are considerably more expensive than the Russian-designed Ladas, there is strong demand from the Russians who have cashed in on their liberalizing economy.

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## NEWS

# Visitors from Nigeria tour River Bend area

ALTON—Nigerian James Bola Fabola waited for a picture at the 8-foot-11 statue of Robert Wadlow in Upper Alton.

"He's 3 feet taller than me. He's a wonder of the world," said Fabola, looking up in amazement at the tallest human in history.

Fabola, 16, his mother, and four other Nigerian guests stopped at the Wadlow statue May 15 on a whirlwind tour of the River Bend, courtesy of the Alton-Godfrey Rotary Club.

Fabola introduced his friends, Moses A.T. Gbande, a retired manufacturer; Hajiya Fatima Asaba Kera, an educator; Justice Aboyi John

## 8-foot-11 Robert Wadlow statue inspires awe

Ikongbeh, a judge; and Mosunmola Elijah Ogunmola, a researcher.

Jim White, and other Rotarians guided their guests to the Elijah P. Lovejoy Memorial in Alton Cemetery and the Alton Museum of History and Art in Upper Alton.

They listened to Eric Robinson, president of the Elijah P. Lovejoy Memorial, tell the fascinating story of Lovejoy, an Alton newspaper editor who was murdered in 1837 because of

his editorials against slavery.

"Mr. Lovejoy's stand against slavery helped people all over the world," Fabola said.

Gbande snapped pictures during his tour of Lewis and Clark Community College in Godfrey. "I was impressed by the new technology in education at the college," he said.

At the Wadlow statue on the campus of the Southern Illinois University School of Dental Medicine on College

Avenue, the visitors listened to the Wadlow story told by Rotarian Steve Tassini, who headed the Rotary project to erect the bronze figure.

"Robert Wadlow grew to 8 feet 11 inches, the tallest human in history," Tassini told the guests. "He was a kind man who made friends all over the world."

Wadlow tried to play basketball at the former Shuttleff College across the street from the statue, Tassini said.

but braces on his legs kept him from running on the basketball floor.

"I'll bet Robert could really dunk the ball," Ikongbeh said.

He presented paper footprints of Wadlow's 37½ AA shoes to the Nigerian guests who snapped pictures of each other standing in Wadlow's paper shoe prints.

"We'll take the pictures back home to Nigeria to show our friends," said Gbande, who thanked the Rotarians for the grand tour.

—From The Telegraph

## Museum highlights history of Wood River

WOOD RIVER—Visitors to the new Wood River Museum will take a trip back to pioneering days when Indians inhabited the area.

The gun-toting era of the notorious Benbow City to the prosperous years of Standard Oil Refinery are shown in displays at the museum at 40 W. Ferguson Ave.

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President, Wood River Heritage Council

"We're preserving the history of the Wood River area for future generations to see," said LaWanda Smith, president of the Wood River Heritage Council.

The public celebrated the museum's grand opening May 17 after the dedication of the new Lewis and Clark Memorial next to the museum.

Wood River was founded in the late 1800s on land received in an agreement with the Kickapoo Indians.

"Wood River existed for years and was officially incorporated as a city in 1923," said Smith, who wrote a book about the city's history.

Mark Westerhold has dug up 1,000-year-old remnants of Indian tribes living in the Wood River area.

"I've found Indian arrowheads from 800 years old to 10,000 years old," said Westerhold, who will display them at the museum Sunday.

A highlight of the museum and visitors center is a display showing the history of the former Standard Oil Refinery, which once employed 2,000 workers in Wood River.

"Wood River grew up around the Standard Oil plant," Wood River Mayor LaWanda Smith said. "Families came from every where to work at the refinery."

The refinery was bought by Amoco Petroleum and closed in 1996.

The stories of the famous Wood River flood of 1915 and the deadly Benbow City are shown in photographs and stories from local newspapers.

A 1919 Model T Ford dairy truck, old carpenter's tools and an old medical office with doctor's instruments are displayed.

Visitors will see a display about the wild and infamous Benbow City.

"Benbow City was born next door to Wood River," said LaWanda Smith. "It had 75 people and 19 taverns. Some of the men wore six-shooters on their sides."

Benbow City had a reputation as a haven for wild nights, where people drank hard liquor and brawled in the street on Saturday nights. The old Benbow jail is displayed at the rear of the museum.

"The Benbow City jail usually stayed full," Mayor Smith said.

—From The Telegraph

## AmeriCorps seeks work applications

AmeriCorps, the national service program, is recruiting thousands of men and women to serve in community-based programs and help fulfill the goals of the recent President's Summit for America's Future.

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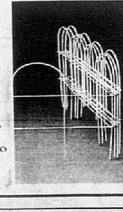


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## Specialization

Nursing profession has changed, offers lot more career direction

By Nicole Vaughn  
Staff writer

**I**t used to be that a nurse was a nurse.

But today nurses not only have the option to specialize in the type of care they provide, they can also serve as teachers, administrators and preventive care specialists.

Sandy Riley, director of medical and surgical services at Anderson Hospital in Maryville, knows all too well how the profession has changed. She came to the hospital 20 years ago, right after graduation from nursing school.

"You just got a diploma and that's all you needed," Riley said. "You can take so many other courses and be a part of so many other programs now."

The hospital is filled with examples of those among its 199-member nursing staff.

While the majority of the nurses work in the emergency room, obstetrics, or in operating rooms, nearly as many work in home care programs, a transitional care unit or with pain management. One of the hospital's nursing staff even is devoted to educational programs.

"Nursing is looking at the whole continuum, not only while (the patients are) here," Riley said. "We also get into community activities and deal with prevention and wellness, not always treating the sick."

Nurses also work in critical care units, pediatrics, cardio-pulmonary rehabilitation and as

nurse practitioners — a job that gives them a role quite similar to that of a doctor.

"There are so many other different areas that a lot of times nurses aren't even coming to hospitals anymore," Riley said.

Instead, they're going to places like the Dammert Geriatric Center at the Apartment Community of Our Lady of the Snows in Belleville.

The 57-bed center provides both long- and short-term care for its patients in programs that include physical therapy and diagnostic services.

The center, which is licensed by the State of Illinois, has a certified staff of 41 which includes not only registered nurses, but also licensed practical nurses and certified nursing assistants.

"It gives nurses the chance to specialize in gerontology and in care for the aged," said Reba Phillips, the center's human resources director. "Our beds are highly sought after. It's just another of the options available for nurses as long-term health care becomes such a critical issue."

Preparing for a nursing career — depending on what level you choose to attain — can take as little as a year or two to as many as six to eight.

Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville offers both undergraduate and graduate degree programs in nursing.

Several centers in the St. Louis area offer nursing assistant programs.



(Staff photo by JOHN FRESE)

Nurse Stacey Molinari, RN, checks an IV at St. Joseph's Hospital in Highland, Ill. Nurses today have many career options. They can now specialize in the type of care they can provide, not to mention being teachers, administrators and preventive care specialists.

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# High demand

## Butchers are one of few trades still a commodity

By Daniel J. Ladd  
Correspondent

They are as integral a part of American life as a tradesman could be: butcher, baker, candlestick maker.

The meat cutter is one of the last vestiges of a bygone era of shopping.

Dave Vogt, 57, has been a meat cutter with Johnny's Market in Sappington since 1961, for 35 years and has, in fact, worked at the family-owned grocery store since he was only 16.

"I started from being a bag boy to the meat department in 1961, Vogt has seen the country's carnivorous tastes change and the marketing of meat and grocery items undergo a dramatic transformation."

"Back when I started behind the meat counter, everything was different than it is now," Vogt said.

By the 1960s, Johnny's had 10 full-time meat cutters, more than twice the current staff. In those days, such a large work force was not unusual. "Meat arrived in the store each day in the form of whole sides of beef. Cutters spent each day individually chopping and cutting steaks, beef, pork chops — down to making their own sausages."

Butchers got to know their customers and could learn how a customer wanted his meat or basket done. Even lunch meat came to the store in large, uncut slabs.

The change to factory-produced and cut-to-order, rather than in-store processing, began in 1979, Vogt said, when the major grocery chains realized that they could cut back on labor costs if their products came into the store precut and prewrapped.

"The labor in meat cutting went from the retail market to the wholesale market, and there will be a lot more of that in the future," Vogt said. "The old-time butcher shop is a thing of the past. Now, there is only one place in town that even makes hanging beef."

Vogt said a recently discovered packaging process being tested whereby a piece of meat is heat-treated and sealed, but the shelf life of a factory-cut product. The process may someday bring about the end of the store meat cutter; it will bring in an era where steaks and hamsters have a brand name, just like Tyson Chickens do now. (Johnny's is, in fact, one of the few grocery stores in the area which still can still buy fresh, iced, packed chickens rather than just prepackaged.)

The other dramatic change that occurred took place at the family table.

As the nuclear family began to decline and parents spent more time working, the evening dinner table has changed

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as well. Few people have time to prepare a full dinner seven nights a week; consequently, more and more people will be on the go with a trip to the butcher's shop but with a call to the pizza parlor.

Along with that came a change in people's tastes. The "good old Four Food Groups" have given way to a nutrition-conscious, fat-terrified society where, in some circles, offering to buy someone a piece of meat stock may actually be considered a "personal threat."

The evolution of nutritional research has led to a dramatic drop in the sale of red meat, and an increase in the sales of chicken and pork.

All of which has changed the role of the meat cutter.

"It is a grade I would

recommend my son go into," Vogt said.

Still, for the time being, meat cutting can be a worthwhile endeavor. On the bright side, there is usually a good job market for cutters.

"We are having a hard time in the union getting young people to become meat cutters," Vogt said.

Entering the profession requires being hired as an apprentice by an experienced supervisor. There is a training process that can take up to three years, where they are supervised by a journeyman meat cutter.

After the beginning period in preparing the different cuts of meat and are trained in using the saws, they become journeymen meat cutters and are assigned to their own shop.

The work, however, is cold. Meat cutters begin their day early in the morning, preparing display cases and beginning to cut meat for the day.

Unfortunately, bakers like Lubeley (real bakers who start every recipe from scratch rather than pouring a powder out of a bag) are a diminishing breed.

"There are not too many bakers left," said Lubeley, 43. "And the ones who are, were probably brought into it by their parents."

Such was the draw of baking for Lubeley and his sister, Helen Murray, who now share ownership of the landmark Lubeley's which was founded by their parents, Helen and Edward who, in fact, met while working at a bakery shop in Kirk-

wood.

While Ed Lubeley passed away four years ago, Helen Lubeley, now 83, still comes in every day to work behind the case. Bob Lubeley and his sister took over the family business in 1974.

The trade is almost always passed down from parent to child, and great bakers grow up literally, into their profession.

There are, however, other routes. Some say there are still a few trade schools that teach baking. The most famous is the American Bakers Institute in Kansas. The other is to get a job sweeping or cleaning up at a bakery, adopted who may eventually get hired.

"If you hang around there long enough, they may make a baker out of you," Lubeley said.

It is more a calling than a job, really. Ask anyone who has ever bitten into one of Lubeley's famous breads. Like any good thing, it is hard to come by.

This is a dying art form," Lubeley said. "Not a lot of people want to go into it

anymore."

Prepackaged foods and supermarkets that sell baked goods have led to an overall decline in the number of independent bakers. Secondly, the hours are long and the pay is low.

Lubeley begins his day at 5 a.m. and works 12 or 13 hours a day. Still, a master baker such as Lubeley finds his work

very rewarding. "I want to do it," he said. "It is in my blood."

"A specialist in cake decorating, Lubeley is especially proud of the elegant wedding cakes his shop has become known for."

Good bakers, Lubeley said, need only one real skill.

"Common sense," he said.

"It is in my blood."

"A specialist in cake decorating, Lubeley is especially proud of the elegant wedding cakes his shop has become known for."

"Anybody can go into a grocery store and get doughnuts. But when they want something special, they go to a bakery."

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## YOUR EMPLOYMENT SOURCE FOR 1997

Rob Hart, manager of Imo's Pizza in Kirkwood, takes a pizza out of the oven. Don Black photo

## Job offers tasty challenge for local pizzeria manager

By Julie Devlin  
Correspondent

The ingredients in making a good pizza involves more than using quality foods — it takes skill, speed and responsibility.

"The most challenging part of my job is making a pizza quickly and efficiently," said Rob Hart, manager of Imo's Pizza in Kirkwood. "Of course, it has to taste good, too."

Hart, 26, of Webster Groves, has worked at Imo's for three years. He started out making and delivering pizzas. He began part time and worked his way up to full time.

Hard work and dependability landed him the job as manager after working there for a little more than a year.

"I had to prove that I was right for the job by being a responsible, reliable and respectful," Hart said.

To be in the fast-food industry one must be customer-oriented and ready to handle impatient customers, Hart said.

"Please the customer is very important, otherwise they might not come back," he said.

Hart does more than try to please customers; he makes sure employees are doing their job in a safe and consistent manner.

"We strive to make a tasty pizza, especially during a 'rush,'" Hart said. Many orders are taken during a rush.

Hart works 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. When he

arrives at work in the morning, he stocks the pizza toppings, gets the customer area ready, and makes sure the right amount of money is in the register.

He said the hardest part of the job is being accountable for the money.

"When I'm working with money I have to be careful, and I don't make a mistake while adding and subtracting," he said.

When his shift is almost over, Hart is busy stocking and preparing food for the evening rush.

"There is more business at night, so we help the evening crew get ready in order for things to run a little smoother," Hart said.

He had no experience when he came to work at Imo's. He spent a lot of time making pizzas and observing how other managers operate the restaurant.

His advice to people who want to advance in the fast food industry comes from his own experience in the field.

"Just do your job well and have a good attitude," he said.

When Hart started as a pizza maker he earned about \$5 an hour and received a raise every few months.

"There is always an opportunity for a raise or promotion," Hart said. "Don't cut corners and take pride in the smallest jobs performed daily. That is how employees earn trust and respect from their employers."

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## Customer service jobs require right person

By Cindy Alexander  
Correspondent

Do you like to talk to people a lot — as in all day? Can you sit with a telephone attached to your ear for long periods of time? Are you detail-oriented and organized? If so, you may be running up a very high telephone bill. And you may be just right for a job in customer service.

Customer service is a broad term used to describe different kinds of work, depending on the particular company. In all cases, however, customer service representatives act as liaisons between their company and its customers to ensure that customers are satisfied with products and services.

The most important qualifications for employment in customer service are a pleasant personality and good communication skills, says Johnetta Carver, staff supervisor for Union Electric. Carver says to look for people with a good attitude, a good command of the English language, and an ability to speak clearly.

While a high school diploma is often sufficient, experience in a customer service position, telephone experience also is helpful. On-the-job training usually is provided.

The typical work setting for a customer service representative includes a cubicle with a telephone or two phones and a computer. Employees sit in their cubicles, take calls from customers, look up information and enter data into the computer.

Shifts vary according to company. At some companies shifts coincide with the usual business week — 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. At Union Electric, however,

customer service workers staff the phones 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Although employees ordinarily work 40 hours per week, special circumstances, such as storms, can require overtime.

Because customer service positions can differ so much from company to company, it is impossible to pinpoint a typical starting salary. Some companies start their representatives at minimum wage, while others pay a higher rate.

The customers that representatives may serve also varies. At Union Electric, for example, many of the calls that come in are one-time calls from individual consumers. The situation is different for Tom Crummitt, customer service manager for a company which manufactures instrumentation products.

Crummitt's customers are people from other companies who use the same people will buy and therefore call — again and again over a long period of time.

"The nice thing is talking to the different people from the different locations," Crummitt says. "You get to meet new friends."

The good side of customer service — talking with people and helping them find solutions to particular problems. Of course, the very nature of customer service presupposes that representatives will encounter their share of disgruntled callers. The hardest part, Crummitt says, is when the customer's needs cannot be met.

At these times, Crummitt offers the following advice:

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## Teens can find friendly faces at part-time jobs

By LaRita Marie Heet  
Correspondent

Although raising a child is never inexpensive, it seems that once children hit the teenage years, their needs and wants start to increase. With the ever-increasing cost of supporting a family, it's no wonder that more and more parents are encouraging their teenagers to get part-time jobs. After school job has more benefits than just money, though.

To Priscilla Hart, guidance counselor at Kirkwood High School, the work experience is the most important reason for a teenager to find a job. "Having a job can give the teenager a sense of personal fulfillment," Hart said.

At Kirkwood High School, there is a bulletin board on which job openings for students are listed. Hart said it acts as a liaison between Kirkwood students and local businesses that call about jobs. Hart does not make it her policy to give blanket recommendation about the students. "I only recommend those I know personally, and those are the office helpers that are the office helpers are good students," she said.

While most students are 16 when they get their first job, some do begin working at age 15. To take a job at that age, students must adhere to certain guidelines, including specific hours and times of day that the teenager is allowed to work. And in order for the teenager to obtain a worker's permit from his or her school, the school may deny the student a permit if the student is struggling with grades or failing classes.

The jobs available to teens are varied, but most are with-

in the food service or retail industries. Summer jobs include working at such popular local attractions as the St. Louis Zoo, Grant's Farm or Six Flags. Other work that teenagers do include odd jobs such as helping the elderly, baby-sitting and yard work.

Grocery stores also provide a "teen-friendly" working environment, said Mark Harris, assistant manager of the Schnucks Supermarket in Des Peres. Some businesses offer extra incentive for students to work there. Schnucks, as in many jobs, teenagers continue to work even past high school, on their holidays and summers home from college. "We have about 10 teenage baggers here now, and we always need more. This is a good opportunity for them to make money and have a good business behind them," Harris said.

When considering the type of job for which to apply, teenagers should choose something that fits with their personality, Hart said. For example, with the more outgoing teenagers, Hart recommends sales and customer service jobs. Some jobs call for special skills, such as woodworking, which could give the student a start on his or her future career.

Teenagers also can profit from learning to apply and interview for potential positions. While teenagers usually lack job experience, employers are willing to train them. However, there are still some prerequisites for being hired, Harris said. "I look for a friendly smile and a positive attitude," he said.

Even employers who aren't known as the "Friendliest Stores in Town" would agree with these qualities, Hart said.



Chris Ruzicka, a student at Chaminade College Preparatory School in Creve Coeur, bags groceries at the Schnucks Supermarket at 11945 Manchester Road in Des Peres.

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## Construction requires mental, physical strength

By Julie Devlin  
Correspondent

Construction workers build many structures, from homes and buildings to the roads that lead to them.

Joe Kelly of Florissant, a self-employed construction worker, said people interested in a job in construction should be strong, skillful and have an understanding of the tools and materials they work with.

It is important to be in good physical shape because on many days the construction business that can feel like a strenuous workout, Kelly said, 37.

"Construction supervisors look for laborers who can handle the hard work, possess responsibility and take pride in their job," he said.

He started his career in 1984 as a construction worker for Gillespie & Powers Inc., where he started as a hod carrier. (A "hod" is a flat, wide stick that stores brick and mortar.)

His job was to carry the stick up a ladder to a scaffold.

"It is physically and mentally challenging because you have to concentrate on the techniques of the job while physically exerting yourself," Kelly said.

He worked as a hod carrier for a year. Then he was offered a job as a bricklayer. In 1985, Kelly decided to let him to complete a job in Rock Springs, Wyoming, where he became a member of the Utah Bricklayers Union.

After leaving the company in 1989, Kelly decided to work independently in the field. Kelly has built homes, fences, brick barbecue pits and mailboxes. He recently completed a fireplace and is currently working on plans for an addition on a house.

The hardest part of working in construction is the physical work and the weather, he said.

"The heat can be brutal; and if it rains it can get really bad," he said.

He said he still has to reach a deadline, regardless of the weather, and that means having to do quality work twice as fast.

Weather can also have an effect on how

much money a construction worker makes.

"If it rains all day I don't work and I don't make money because most of the work I do requires me to be outdoors," Kelly said.

Most construction workers arrive at the job site by 6 a.m. and work until 3 p.m. The hours vary depending on the time of year and the deadline.

"Some construction workers begin their work at 5 a.m. during the summer so they can beat the heat," he said. "The heat can be dangerous if the right precautions are not taken."

When working in the heat of the summer, it is important to take several short breaks and drink plenty of liquids, especially water, to prevent dehydration.

Kelly said hard work is worth it because the pay is good. Most construction workers make about \$19-\$25 an hour.

"It's important to be physically fit because construction workers literally use every bone and muscle in their body to do the job," he said.

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